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REMARKS

The following new claims 24 - 26 are being added to avail Applicants of the benefits of 35 U.S.C. § 112, paragraph six. The originally filed claim 1 - 23 did not invoke the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 112, paragraph six.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons it is submitted that all of the claims are now in condition for allowance and the Examiner's examination is respectfully requested.

If there remains any question regarding the present application, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of the present application, the Examiner is cordially requested to contact Dean Alderucci at telephone number 203-461-7337.

No fees are believed to be due for this Preliminary Amendment. Please charge any additional fees that may be required for this Preliminary Amendment, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0271.

If an extension of time is required, or if an additional extension of time is required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, please grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this Response timely, and please charge any fee for such extension to Deposit Account No. 50-0271.

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